Hialeah Public Libraries

Policies of the Hialeah Public Libraries

Library Code of Conduct

Our library is supported by the taxes of the citizens of the City of Hialeah who have a right to expect each of our facilities to be clean, pleasant and safe places for selecting materials, reading, researching, studying, writing, and attending library / community classes, programs and meetings.

This CODE OF CONDUCT supports the library's mission to provide a safe, welcoming environment. Behavior becomes unacceptable when it interferes with the rights of others, causes damage to buildings or equipment or causes injury to oneself or others. Those unable to comply will be asked to leave. If necessary, the authorities will be called.

EXAMPLES OF UNACCEPTABLE LIBRARY BEHAVIOR INCLUDE:

- Abandonment / leaving young children unattended
- Failure to maintain basic hygiene
- Bathing, shaving, washing clothes or other misuse of restrooms
- Eating, drinking or sleeping
- Illegal activity of any sort
- Smoking or possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Loitering, including refusal to leave when requested
- Unruly / offensive behavior including loud talking or yelling.
- Verbal / physical abuse or sexual harassment of library users or staff
- Skateboarding, roller-skating or any similar activity
- Adults <u>are not</u> permitted in the Children's room unless accompanied by a child.
- Bringing animals into the library (except service animals)
- Distribution or posting of printed materials not approved by library administration
- Use of electronic devices without headphones
- Abuse or vandalism of library materials, equipment or property
- Inappropriate use of computers, such as:
    - Damaging or altering computer equipment or software, including downloading or installing any programs.
    - Viewing, sending, or printing obscene material
- Using library premises for private services or business, including selling, soliciting, or tutoring
- Bringing excessive amount of equipment or belongings and/or leaving possessions unattended.